

The Gift of Life

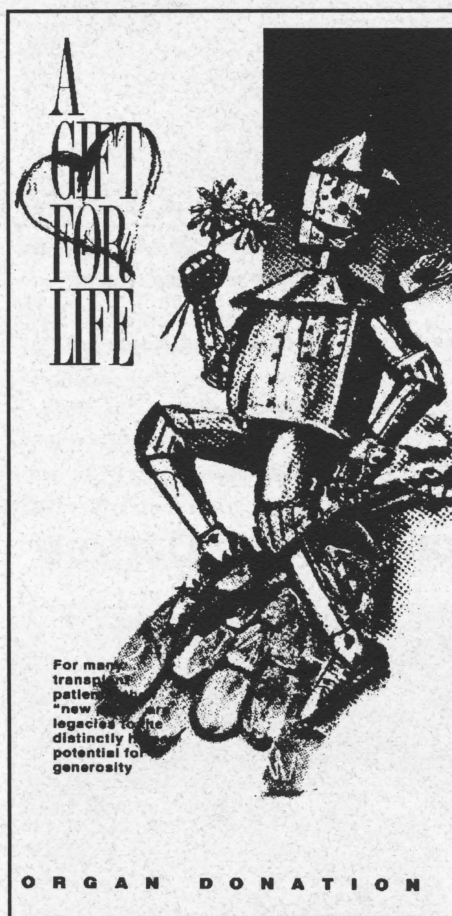
Making a Decision About Organ Donation

Many people in B.C. are waiting for the gift of life to enable them to experience a healthier and happier life. Often, this selfless donation from a deceased person is their last hope for treatment due to organ failure, and they spend their days waiting for a suitable donor organ to be found.

Transplant success rates have risen dramatically over the past few years and as a result, referrals to the donor program and the need for many more donors has also increased.

Karen Klaver, who works in the circulation area of the Capilano College Library, knows firsthand how it feels to be waiting for that call to say that a suitable donor has been found. Her husband, **Nico**, was stricken with a crippling heart disease (cardiomyopathy) two months ago and at the age of 40 has been told that he needs a new heart. Lacking the energy needed to complete a day of work, he waits at home for a call on his pager telling him that a potential match has been located, giving him hope for a return to a healthier lifestyle.

The Provincial Organ Retrieval Team (PORT) facilitates the identification and maintenance of organ donors and retrieval and distribution of the organs. How can you become a organ donor? The decision to become a donor is a deeply personal one, but it is also very important to inform your family of your wishes before you sign a donor card as



your next-of-kin will be the person legally responsible.

Donor cards and more information are available by calling the B.C. Transplant Society at 877-2100, or Health Services, local 2964. Organ donors save lives. Think about it! □

Audit Team Visits College

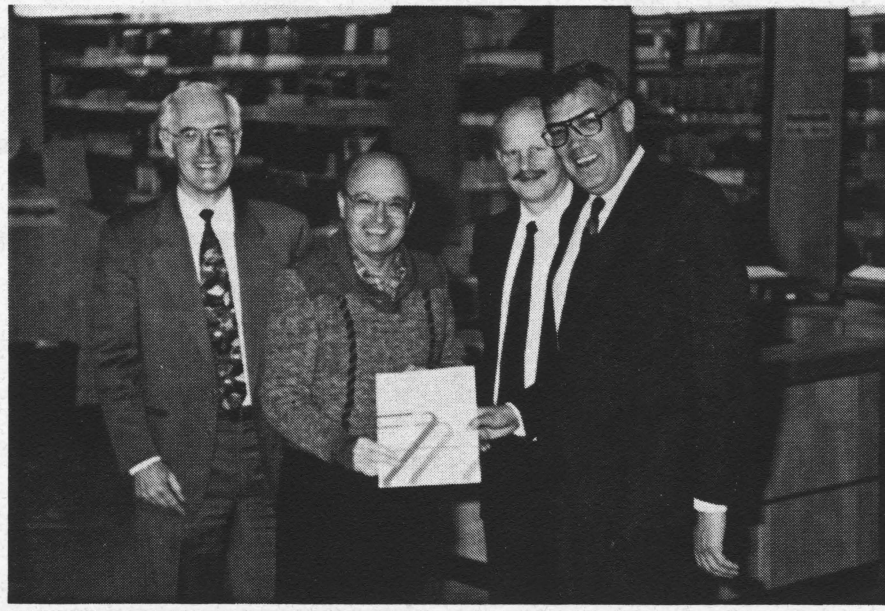
By the time this newsletter is published, the External Audit Team will be in the process of completing more than 100 interviews of members of the College community. Team members are visiting the campus between January 17 and 20 to audit the recently published Self Study Report.

After an 18 month long process, the Internal Evaluation Committee completed its final report in November 1994 and copies are available from the Library and other selected locations.

"The External Team's visit determines the internal report's credibility," said Richard Longworth, chair of the Internal Evaluation Committee. "An internal evaluation report is required every five years from all post-secondary institutions in B.C."

Members of the External Audit Team are: **Earl Bloor**, dean of Applied Industrial Technology, University College of the Cariboo; **Dexter MacRae**, manager of Cooperative Education, University College of the Fraser Valley; **Jacque Thachuk**, vice president, Education Academic and Applied Studies, Kwantlen College; **Andrew Bachelder**, student at Malaspina University College; **Lenora Joe**, education coordinator, Sechelt Indian Band; **Joanne Yachson**, manager of Continuing Education, Okanagan University College; and **Richard Hopkins**, instructor, English Department, Langara College.

The results of the External Team's findings will be presented to the College community on January 20 at an open forum in the Cedar building, room 148, at 12:30 p.m. □



Community Bank's Generosity Benefits College

Capilano College's **Greg Lee** and **Doug Jardine** receive a cheque for \$25,000 from the Toronto-Dominion Bank's **Trevor Jones**, account manager, commercial financial services and **Michael Busch**, manager of the North and West Vancouver Commercial Banking Centre. The funds will be used to purchase hardware for the Library.

Michael Busch says: "The College clearly works to serve the North Shore community and other areas of the province through its impressive curriculum and its strong emphasis on good facilities. The Library is an excellent example of this commitment to quality."

Editor's Note:

Vern Giesbrecht, Adult Basic Education (ABE) instructor at Capilano College's Squamish and Sechelt campuses, compiled several profiles of some of his students. These were printed in the Squamish Chief newspaper last December as a means of letting people know about the benefits of the College's ABE program.

"I was hoping that they would make residents in the Sea to Sky area aware of what Capilano College offers," says Vern. "They give an overview of what the typical student is like."

These profiles will be appearing in upcoming editions of the *Informer*, starting with this issue's profile on **May Myklebust**.

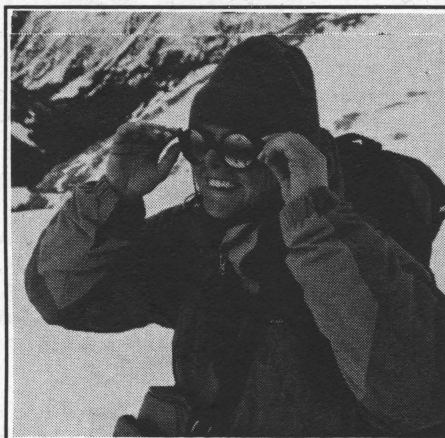
The ABE program enables students to upgrade their knowledge of English, math, biology, chemistry, physics, social studies and computers. It operates year-round and most students can complete each course within a four-month term.

Whistler Skier Aims for Science Degree

One of the Whistler students who has enjoyed Capilano College's ABE program is **May Myklebust**, a graduate of Windsor Secondary in North Vancouver. She came to the Squamish campus to upgrade her math and science knowledge after 10 years in the workforce.

"I did everything except waitressing -- from driving a taxi to being a ski instructor," she said. "ABE was really good because I could join at any time, and when I completed one course, I could start right away on the next one."

May completed five ABE courses in Squamish -- two math, two biology and provincial level English -- as well as **Bill Schermbrucker's** Creative Writing



May Myklebust

course. She is currently studying at the North Vancouver campus and hopes to

transfer to UBC eventually to study for a Bachelor of Science degree.

"One reason I went back to school was my concern about the environment," she said. "I wanted to learn the facts and do something about environmental issues. I'm not working toward a degree because it will necessarily get me a job." □

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Japanese Exchange Program Celebrates its Fifteenth Year

Capilano College students and faculty continue to be actively involved with our sister college Aichi Gakusen in Toyota, Japan.

Three Capilano students who were the recipients of the 1994/95 Aichi Gakusen Student Scholarship are currently at Aichi Gakusen College studying Japanese language, history and culture. The students are **Nhi Nguyen**, who was born in Vietnam and came to Canada at age 3; **Ai Nagasawa**, who was born in Canada and has relatives in Japan; and **Maya Wingate**, a native of England who has lived several years in the Caribbean and came to Vancouver as a teenager.

The College Japan Exchange Committee (J.E.C.) has recently recommended three other students for the 1995/96 Aichi Gakusen Student Scholarship. They are **Kara James**, **Nicole Lawson** and **Sarah-Jane Scott**. By the time they depart for Japan in September 1995, they will have completed Japanese language training to first-year college level, in addition to other preparatory requirements.

Three students from Aichi Gakusen also receive scholarships to attend Capilano. This year's students were featured in the November 1994 issue of the Capilano College International Newsletter.

Congratulations are in order to **Dorinda Neave** who was chosen by the J.E.C. to receive the Aichi Gakusen Faculty Exchange award. Dorinda, from the Art History department, is the third recipient of the award. **Nick Collins** (ESL) and **Anne Watson** (Business Administration) were earlier recipients. Dorinda will spend the month of May at Aichi



On the Aichi campus, left to right: Nhi Nguyen, Ai Nagasawa and Maya Wingate.

experiencing various aspects of Japanese art and culture. She hopes to do research into one of her long-term interests, contemporary female performance art. She has been studying the Japanese language for more than a year. Capilano faculty receive \$1,000 towards their travel costs (\$500 from International student fees and \$500 from the Faculty Development Committee). Aichi Gakusen provides accommodation during their stay in Japan.

There is a reciprocal faculty exchange from Aichi; the most recent awardees have been Professors **Nishio** and **Yamashita**.

The Japan Exchange Committee has been active since 1982 when the first contingent of Capilano College students were chosen to study at Aichi. The committee members are **Gerry Blitstein** (Infotech), **Nick Collins** (ESL), **Barbara Hankin** (Humanities & APMCP), **Marlene LeGates** (History) and **Malcolm Fitz-Earle** (Biology), chair. □

The Asia Pacific Management Cooperative Program (Capilano College) and The British Columbia Trade Development Corporation

invite you to attend a luncheon with

Dr. John S. MacDonald

Canada's member of APEC's Eminent Persons Group at the Waterfront Centre Hotel

900 Canada Place Way, Vancouver, B.C.

Tuesday, February 14, 1995

(No host bar)

11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

(Luncheon)

12:15 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Remember sitting around the record player belting out the lyrics to "Picnic Time for Teddy Bears"? Well, if you do, you're at least 25-years-old, and whether you knew it or not, you were having your first lesson in woods safety. "You'd better not go alone," the singer sang. And **Dave Brewer**, Capilano College's director of Supply and Services, adds to that, "If you got lost today, would anybody know?" He also says that the single most important piece of advice he can lend to outdoor travellers is to "be prepared."

Sound familiar? If you were ever a member of the Girl Guides or Boy Scouts, this would be second nature. "Be prepared" is their motto. The demanding Baden Powell trail that extends the distance from Deep Cove to Horseshoe Bay (also the region covered by the North Shore Rescue Team), was named after Lord Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts. Smart guy. Like Dave.

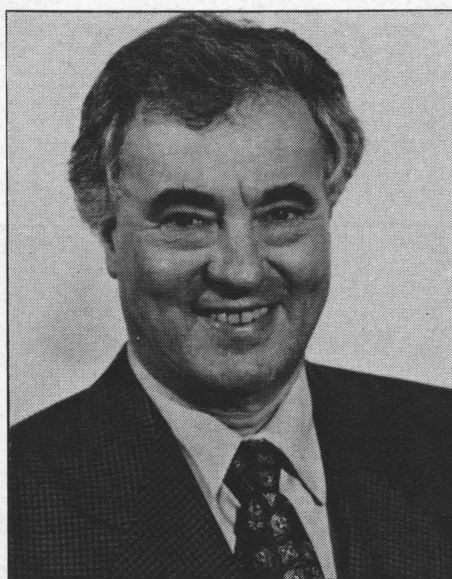
Dave can be called an expert on outdoor safety because this is his 30th year as a member of the North Shore Rescue Team. He's been there for happy endings and sad. And, he says, it can sometimes be a frustrating experience.

"When people are first found, they are very grateful and gracious," he explains. "Then, when the evacuation process begins, a change in attitude takes over. They begin to feel safe and their confidence grows. By the time they reach safety and see familiar landmarks, such as a parking lot or ski lift, they often feel that they had the ability to survive their situation without our assistance and that they were not in peril. The seriousness of their situation and the fear seems to wear off."

But it's not all without its perks. After all, a person doesn't stick with something for 30 years without getting a great deal of gratification from it.

"I'll never forget a letter I got from someone who had been rescued," says Dave, who was born on the North Shore. "Just having someone say 'thanks very much for helping me out' makes it all worthwhile."

Judging by the increase in search and rescue incidents in British



Dave Brewer

On Call With Capilano College's Dave Brewer

Columbia over the past three years, there should be a lot of grateful people out there. On the North Shore alone, the number of rescues has risen from 25 in 1992, to 36 in 1993, to 61 in 1994. Province-wide in 1994, there were 567 search and rescues. Out of the 816 people reported missing in those incidents, 739 were located alive and 49 were found dead. Twenty-eight have not been located.

These are eye-opening facts. Our local mountains are so easily accessible that hikers frequently forget that they can also be dangerous.

"So often," Dave says, "people jump into their car dressed in a t-shirt and shorts and drive to an outdoor destination. Once there, they travel into a wooded area unprepared for what might lie ahead. This is a common mistake. Just because you can see the mountains from a safe position, doesn't mean that you should not respect them or acknowledge that danger exists."

Publisher of a book on search and rescue, coordinator for the Ministry of the Attorney General's Provincial Search and Rescue (SAR) Emergency Program, and chair of the SAR Advisory Committee for the province of B.C., are just a few of the pastimes that keep this father of three busy.

"The advisory committee is doing a lot of important work that has been utilized across the country, developing public awareness for travelling safely in the outdoors."

He joined the College in 1976 as a purchasing agent, intending to stay for only a few years.

"The job grew and with it, great people and great opportunities presented themselves," Dave says, adding, "and 19 years later, I'm still here." A far cry from Safari Land, a business Dave ran with a partner in the mid-'60s.

"We operated a walkthrough live and mounted wildlife show that included a lion named Simba, a cheetah, and an arctic owl."

His sons, 26-year old twins Scott and Alan, and Brad, 32, have had no inclination to follow in their father's rescuing footsteps. "They saw too many nights where we had things planned -- and then the pager would go off, signalling that I was needed elsewhere."

It's as if Dave has been on call for the North Shore community ever since he first answered a newspaper ad 30 years ago for "young men to assist the community in civil defence." This, he said, had more to do with civil disaster and was the forerunner of the North Shore Rescue Team. Most recently, he was appointed Food Services director for the B.C. Winter Games, which are being held on the North Shore in February 1996.

"I have wonderful people working with me and we all share the same vision of excellence and of making these Games as exciting as they can be." □

Editor's note: See next page for 10 outdoor tips from Dave.

Outdoor Travel Tips

(and what to do if you become lost)

1. Always tell someone where you're going
2. Always carry the 10 essentials (be ready to stay out overnight)
3. Never hike alone
4. Be prepared for your chosen hike (take the proper equipment and always stay on the trail)
5. If lost, do not panic
6. Stay where you are
7. Do not travel downhill
8. Use signalling devices
9. Build or seek shelter
10. The most common mistake -- the belief that "it could never happen to me." Be prepared!

A toll free number (1-800-663-3456) is available for B.C. residents wanting more information on outdoor safety. Locally, call 985-1311, local 459. Members of the North Shore Rescue Team are also available to speak to groups about safety and being prepared in the outdoors. □

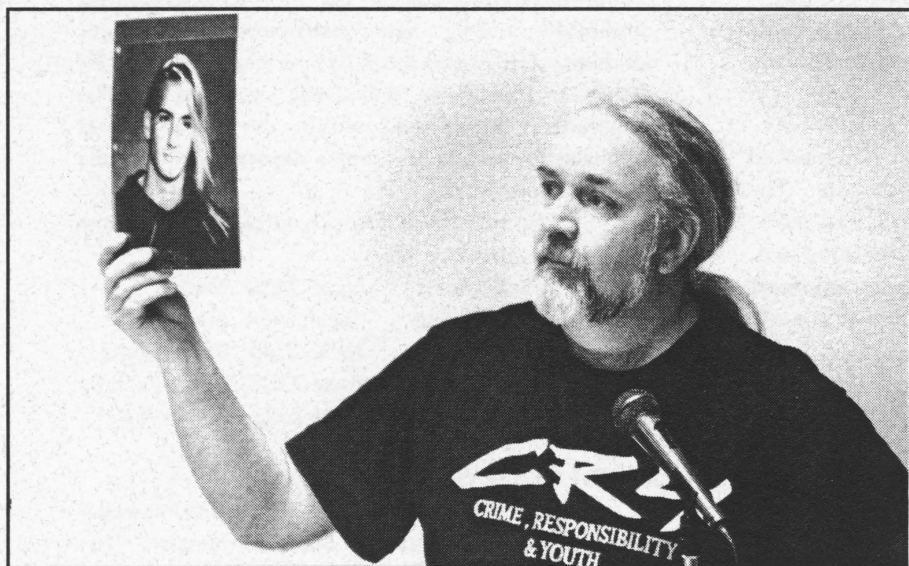


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Young Offenders Topic Raised at College

Youth violence/young offenders was the topic of Capilano College's 1994 Together Against Violence presentation. The Nov. 24 community event included a discussion of proposed changes to the Canadian justice system. Chuck Cadman, pictured above, was one of the featured speakers. Cadman and his family have been active in justice system reform since 1992, when his 16-year-old son, Jessie,

was stabbed to death by a juvenile who was on a court-imposed curfew.

The presentation was coordinated by Public Relations in support of Together Against Violence month. Franca Bertocin, project coordinator for the Together Against Violence Network, commended the College for its efforts in raising community awareness of this important issue. □

ON BOARD

Profile

The College Board's newest member, **Ernie Tjensvold**, has had a long history of involvement in his community of Gibsons on B.C.'s Sunshine Coast.

He is a journeyman electrician with Howe Sound Pulp and Paper, the same mill his mother worked at in the 1940s, and is currently an executive member and 1st vice-president of the Communication, Energy and Paperworkers' Union local 1119 in Gibsons. He served two years as president of the Sunshine Coast Labour Council from 1992 to 1993 and was also a volunteer firefighter in Port Mellon from 1981 to 1992.

For the last three years, Ernie has chaired Gibsons' annual Labour Day picnic, the third largest Labour Day picnic in B.C. About 1,000 people converge upon Dougal Park to participate in events while enjoying free hot dogs and hamburgers.

His appointment to the College Board comes as a welcome addition to Ernie's active lifestyle. "I consider it to be a great honor to be appointed to the Capilano College Board," says the father of three. "It's one of the biggest honors I have ever had."

Ernie spends his leisure time sailing with his wife, **Sherry Hyde**, on their boat "My Cheri." Last summer they traversed the waters of Desolation Sound. "It's a fantastic area," he says. "The water is so warm. That is how we like to vacation." □

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Bill Schermbrucker, Committee Chair

Jim Bizzocchi told a joke to the Faculty Development Committee, and repeated it to an appreciative audience at the recent University/College/Institute Professional Development Committee meeting at UBC: A medical doctor and a college teacher were time-warped out of their workplaces, through a hundred years from 1895 to the present. The doctor walked into the hospital room and froze in shock and amazement; looking around, the only thing she recognized was the patient. The 1885 teacher walked into the 1995 classroom, and smiled comfortably; everything was completely familiar! While this cautionary tale is capable of different interpretations (letters please!), it does raise some questions: are we developing and adapting our teaching methods to improve them, and to adjust to student needs in a changing world, and making use of the many modes and methods available to us? (Or are we not? Should we be? Or not?)

The Faculty Development Committee is mandated to provide opportunities for faculty to improve their teaching. We do so through three formal methods: making grants available for research and conferences; providing Instructional Skills Workshops; organizing workshops and other activities during Faculty Development Days.

GRANT AWARDS. In my last report, I announced the Fall research and conference grant awards. The next deadline for applications is April 21, 1995. Please photocopy the appropriate form (there are two, and they are different) from the Faculty Development Handbook available from your Coordinator (or ask me to send you one--please say which).

INSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS: These workshops have been around for several years, but they are considerably misunderstood--especially at Capilano College, where a handful of people have profited enormously from them, but most people don't know what they are, and they have sometimes actually been misused for remediation! These are not workshops for poor teachers. They are intended for excellent, dynamic teachers at both the beginning and mature stages of their careers. The workshops were developed some 15 years ago at VCC, and have now reached such prominence, especially in the U.S., that two states actually require College Faculty to

participate in them. CIO Magazine, in its seventh annual list of awards for innovation to 100 North American organizations (CIO-100), singled out only two learning organizations, Evergreen State College, and the B.C. Instructional Skills Workshops.

The workshops are intensive, interactive sessions lasting several days, in which participants and a facilitator teach and evaluate one another's performance. Training is available, for people who wish to become facilitators. At present, our trained facilitators are Paul Carter, Jessie Pendygrasse and Margot Rawsthorne. More from Jessie Pendygrasse:

"ISW plans for this May are being devised as you read this and an early call goes out to faculty who may have heard how wonderful and supportive the well-known workshop is. Early planning will enable us to hold one, possibly two workshops of six people. For the first time at Capilano a special three-day workshop will be scheduled--one day less than the regular ISW format. Each participant will deliver a ten-minute mini lesson each day, and the positive feedback from participants and facilitator provide a forum for learning that has given the ISW movement credibility among new instructors and master teachers. UBC tried the 3-day format and the fit for faculty's timetables was very positive. The camaraderie established within the group leaves enthusiastic contacts in diverse departments over the entire campus.

"Faculty members to contact regarding the workshop experience are:

Frank Harris	local 2450	Math
Karen Ewing	local 2464	Geography
Bill Inkster	local 2245	Bus. Admin.
Stephen Williams	local 2307	Music Therapy
Patrice Karn	local 2525	Psychology"

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT DAYS

A big thank-you to the 70 Faculty members who filled out and returned the questionnaire. The Committee now has a clear idea of what you want, and when you want it. Watch for the announcement of the program for May, in my next report.

Faculty Development Committee: **Gordon Bailey, Jolene Bordewick, Louise Cantin Orr-Ewing, Jann Gibbs, Scott MacLeod, Anne Watson.**